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PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS

DERRY MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON IN FEDERAL FIREARMS CASE

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, Resident Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Clifford Ellston and Derry Police Chief Edward B. Garone announced today that Mark T. Young, age 29, DOB: 02/14/76, of Derry, New Hampshire was sentenced to serve 24 months in federal prison for possessing an unregistered sawed-off shotgun. The defendant was also ordered to be placed on supervised release for three years following his release from prison. The defendant agreed to forfeit the sawed-off shotgun to the government.

The case resulted from an investigation by the Derry Police Department of shots being fired at the Annie Oakley Trailer Park in Derry on March 17, 2004. The police discovered the sawed-off shotgun in a trailer occupied by Mr. Young and his mother. Mr. Young pled guilty in United States District Court in Concord on December 2, 2004.

In commenting on the sentence, United States Attorney Colantuono said, "Keeping particularly dangerous weapons, like the sawed-off shotgun in this case, out of the hands of criminals is an important goal of Project Safe Neighborhoods. This case illustrates the serious consequences for those who ignore the law and jeopardize the public."

The case was investigated by the Derry Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Clyde Garrigan, who is the coordinator for Project Safe Neighborhoods.

The case is being prosecuted as part of Project Safe Neighborhoods. Project Safe Neighborhoods is a federal program to reduce gun violence in New Hampshire by aggressive investigation and prosecution of firearm offenders, education of the public and training of law enforcement officers about firearm laws.